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RE: New Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) for APPARATUS FOR
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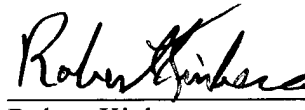
Please find attached hereto an application for patent. It is hereby requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1). Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, claims and abstract.
- ☒ Four (4) sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-4).
- ☒ Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 from German Patent Application No. 100 07 479.0 filed February 18, 2000. (certified copy enclosed).
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-Form 1449 with references cited.

A Declaration executed by the inventors and the required filing fee will be submitted in due course.

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